

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-02-13**

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Commission Meeting: February 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

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1:00 p.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

1:30 p.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) N2008.1.8 (Eric)

On January 11, 2008, NWE filed an application seeking authority to accumulate the under and over collections of MPSC and MCC taxes starting on January 1, 2008. Due to a lack of materiality NWE has chosen to defer

implementing tariffs reflecting these tax increases at this time. NWE proposes to accrue both under and over collections for inclusion in its next general rate filing. The under and over collections will be carried on NWE's books as regulatory liabilities and assets until returned to or recovered from customers. Probable Motion: Grant NWE's request to accrue under and over collections of the MPSC and MCC tax increases until the next general rate case.

2. Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. N2007.11.128 (Eric D)

On January 25, 2008, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) filed a natural gas tariff sheet entitled Thermal Zone Boundaries (Volume No. 6, 4th Revised Sheet No. 4). The modified tariff sheet revises Heating Zone 14 and establishes three new Heating Zones – Heating Zone 151, Heating Zone 152, and Heating Zone 15. The establishment of the new Heating Zones is necessary to measure the heating value of natural gas entering Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline Company's pipeline from two new receipt points. Probable Motion: Approve MDU's request for revising Heating Zone 14 and establishing Heating Zone 15, Heating Zone 151 and Heating Zone 152.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2007.10.124 – 3 Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. – Petition for Arbitration of an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Communications, LLC - Consider suspending procedural order until discovery controversies are resolved. (2/13/08)
2. D2006.6.81 – Qwest Corporation – Residence and Business Customer Incentive Programs – Consider OneEighty's Motion for Reconsideration and Request for Stay of Final Order No. 6768c. (2/13/08)
3. D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Approval for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Consider shortening the time for response and reply to CELP's Motion to Dismiss Proceeding to Consider Stipulation and Agreement between Montana Consumer Counsel and NorthWestern Energy in Phase 1 (Revenue Requirements) of this Docket. (2/13/08)

4. D2004.2.16 – Energy West Montana-West Yellowstone – General rate case – Decision on final order. (2/13/08)
5. D2006.7.108 – Westech Energy Corporation – Application of Westech Energy Corporation, a Common Carrier Pipeline, to Establish Initial Rates and Charges for Natural Gas Transportation Service – Discuss and act on Petition for Late Intervention by Sonalta Resources, Inc. (2/13/08)
6. Organization of MISO States (OMS) Comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Discuss draft OMS comments. (2/13/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Central Montana Communications, Inc N2008.2.11 (Scott)

On February 1, 2008, Central Montana Communications, Inc. (CMC) requested to modify its tariffs. The changes are summarized as follows: Section 7 - Service Bundles - Monthly Recurring Charges; Section 11.1 - Construction - New Service - One Applicant; Section 11.2 - Construction - New Service - Group of Applicants; 11.3 - Construction - New Service - Speculative Development; Section 11.5 - Construction - Service Move of Existing Subscriber; Section 12 - Outside Premises Extensions; Section 17 - Directory Listing; and Section 29 - Customer Local Area Signaling Services.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2008.2.11 –Central Montana Communications Inc. – Revisions to Tariff
N2008.2.12 - Lincoln Telephone Company, Inc. and Alltel Communications –
Application for Approval of Reciprocal Interconnection, Transport and
Termination Agreement